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SUBJECT: MAURITANIA AND NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE RESOLUTION ON  
PUERTO RICO

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1. IN ABSENCE OF VIRTUALLY ENTIRE HIGHER ECHELON OF  
FOREIGN MINISTRY, I RAISED PUERTO RICO QUESTION OCTOBER 1  
WITH AMBASSADOR BAKAR OULD SIDI HAIBA, DIRECTOR FOR  
INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND MOST SENIOR OFFICIAL  
PRESENTLY IN MINISTRY. SIDI HAIBA WAS MEMBER OF  
MAURITANIAN DELEGATION TO LIMA CONFERENCE.

2. ALTHOUGH USING SAME OCCASION TO RAISE KOREAN  
QUESTION (SEPTTEL), I TOOK OPTION PROVIDED PARA 5  
REFTEL TO HIGHLIGHT DEMARCHE ON PUERTO RICO. IT IS  
VIEW OF THIS MISSION THAT MAURITANIA CAN BE CONVINCED  
TO ABSTAIN ON OR EVEN OPPOSE UNFRIENDLY RESOLUTION  
CONCERNING PUERTO RICO WHEREAS HER POSITION ON KOREA,  
AS COSPONSOR OF NORTH KOREAN RESOLUTION, IS FIRM.

3. AFTER I MADE ALL OF POINTS CONTAINED PARA 4 REFTTEL,  
SIDI HAIBA RESPONDED THAT MAURITANIA WAS NOT A MEMBER OF  
DRAFTING COMMITTEE WHICH PREPARED RESOLUTION ON PUERTO  
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RICO. HE ADDED THAT MAURITANIA DISAGREED WITH WORDING

OF RESOLUTION AS FINALLY DRAFTED AND THAT, UNDER INSTRUCTION FROM FOREIGN MINISTER MOUKNASS, HE PERSONALLY CONTACTED NUMEROUS DELEGATIONS, INCLUDING THOSE REPRESENTED ON DRAFTING COMMITTEE, IN EFFORT TO "MODIFY" RESOLUTION. HE ADMITTED THAT EFFORT HAD NOT BEEN SUCCESSFUL. SIDI HAIBA SAID GIRM APPRECIATES THAT PUERTO RICO MATTER IS US INTERNAL AFFAIR AND HE GAVE DISTINCT IMPRESSION THAT HIS GOVERNMENT HAS NO PARTICULAR DESIRE TO SUPPORT SIMILAR

RESOLUTION IN A UN CONTEXT. COMMENT: AT SAME TIME, MAURITANIAN DELEGATION APPARENTLY ACQUIESCED IN "LIMA PROGRAMME FOR MUTUAL ASSISTANCE AND SOLIDARITY" WITHOUT GOING ON RECORD PUBLICLY AS OPPOSING SECTION ON PUERTO RICO. END COMMENT.

4. SIDI HAIBA FOCUSED ON MY STATEMENT THAT GIRM SUPPORT FOR UNFRIENDLY RESOLUTION ON PUERTO RICO IN A UN CONTEXT COULD NOT HELP BUT AFFECT OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS. HE SPECIFICALLY NOTED THAT GIRM SINCERELY WISHES TO MAINTAIN GOOD RELATIONS WITH USG.

5. COMMENT: RECOMMEND THAT MEMBER OF USUN DELEGATION FOLLOW UP WITH FOREIGN MINISTER MOUKNASS, WHO IS CURRENTLY IN NEW YORK, IN ORDER TO FURTHER IMPRESS UPON GIRM OUR CONCERN ON THIS ISSUE. MOUKNASS IS INDIVIDUAL IN GIRM PRIMARILY RESPONSIBLE FOR MAURITANIAN POSITION ON SACH ISSUES. BELIEVE THERE IS GOOD CHANCE HE WILL GIVE QUESTION SYMPATHETIC HEARING.SHINN

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